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Dear Reader:

The BLM Wells Field Office has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) analyzing the renewal of livestock grazing permits and installation of a livestock watering well for the Ruby #8 and Bennett Field Allotments. This EA incorporates the Final Northeastern Great Basin Standards and Guidelines(S&G) for Rangeland Health assessments completed in 2006 for the Ruby #8 and Bennett Field Allotments, and includes a draft addendum to the S&G completed in 2011 (Appendix A, B, and C of the EA). Enclosed is a Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Ruby #8 and Bennett Field Allotments Permit Renewal EA (BLM-NV-2011-0022).

The EA, Draft FONSI, Final Determinations of the Standards and Guidelines(S&G), and Draft Addendum to the S&G are available for review on the web. To review these documents go to the following link: <http://www.blm.gov/rv5c>

The EA and draft FONSI are available for public review through October 30, 2011. Comments related to this permit renewal can be sent to: Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Mark Dean, 3900 E. Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801; faxed to (775) 753-0260; or emailed to Wells_NEPA@blm.gov. Following this review period, BLM will issue a proposed and final decision.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, please be advised that your entire comment including your personal identifying information may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

The documents are also available upon request to the Wells Field Office. If you have any questions related to this subject matter, please call Mark Dean, Hydrologist, at (775) 753-0224, or Terri Dobis, Rangeland Management Specialist at (775) 753-0290.

Sincerely,

/s/

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